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NOTES.

It is a pleasure to record the fact that a Society of Mycologists was organized at St. Louis, during the recent meeting of the A. A. A. S. A full account of the organization has been furnished by the secretary, and is published in this number of the JOURNAL.

THE tender of the office of president of the Society to the eminent mycologist and President-elect of A. A. A. S., Dr. W. G. Farlow, elicited an expression of his hearty approval of the organization, though he was constrained to decline the honor because of pressing duties. Dr. Roland Thaxter was then made the presiding officer by a unanimous vote.

THE formation of a new scientific society when it has already been hinted that too many now are in existence, suggests the statement that perhaps unity of interest and purpose—as in case of this newly formed mycological society — should be the basis of all the organizations.

A READJUSTMENT of the numerous affiliated Societies and Sections of A. A. A. S., perhaps possible, surely desirable—may be, involving cleavage along new lines in some cases—ought to remove present friction and better subserve the interests of all.

IN connection with the matter it may be added, that it is perhaps too much to expect, or even to hope, that all mycological papers—whether detailing research work, or discussing phases of this branch of botany—may be read before this newly formed Mycological Club; in the latter at any rate the purely technical matters, and important topics such as bibliography and publication, nomenclature, group limits, etc., may be discussed to mutual advantage, and concerted action and uniform practice now and then induced.
